



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

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Deputy Secretary's Agenda



- Opening Remarks
- DDA Regional Office Update
- Kenneth A Feder, PhD, Epedemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Heather Saunders, MPH RN CIC. Nursing Program Consultant at Maryland Department of Health
- Questions

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- We appreciate your on-going communication with the DDA of what you are dealing with and your efforts in supporting each other during this pandemic
- I hope you had the opportunity to read the resources I shared during last Friday's webinar and this week's communication related to [COVID-19 - DDA Licensed Residential Settings Suspected Outbreak Provider Checklist and Individuals Returning to DDA Licensed Residential Settings Guidance—April 8, 2020](#)

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The DDA Appendix K Update

- **Friday April 3rd**
 - Department of Budget and Management authorization to move forward with adjustment to Meaningful Day Retainer Payment
 - Maryland Department of Health's Medicaid Director submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - CMS email acknowledgement of receipt

The DDA Appendix K Update

- **Monday April 6th**
 - CMS call to share overview of DDA's Appendix K
 - Retainer Payments receiving enhanced review and must be aligned with Maryland's Nursing Home bed hold days (i.e. 18 days)
 - CMS to share questions and concerns this week
 - CMS expediting review process and hope to have approval within 10 – 14 days

The DDA Appendix K Update

Next Steps

- The DDA is reviewing program, fiscal, and operational changes needed
 - Guidance for stakeholders (*e.g.* who, what, when, how)
 - PCIS2 service authorization (*e.g.* retainer payments, increase services)
 - Medicaid Procedure Codes and tracking funding
 - “At A Glance” sheets to help inform stakeholder
- The DDA will continue to provide updates on the status

Personal Protective Equipment

- The DDA received PPE supplies yesterday and the regional offices have started to distribute based on need
- The DDA is asking providers and people in self-direction to complete a PPE Needs Request Form to prioritized distribution based on need, utilization of other resources, and continued availability
- The priority is based on two (2) major areas:
 1. Outbreak - staff or person in service tested COVID-19 positive
 2. No PPE supplies in the residence

Personal Protective Equipment

Distribution Command Center Locations

- **For SMRO and CMRO Providers**
1401 Severn St. Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21230
(Use back parking lot/door for pick up)
- **For ESRO Providers-**
ESRO staff will deliver to providers
- **For WMRO Providers**
1360 Marshall Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
(Use front door of Regional office for pick up)

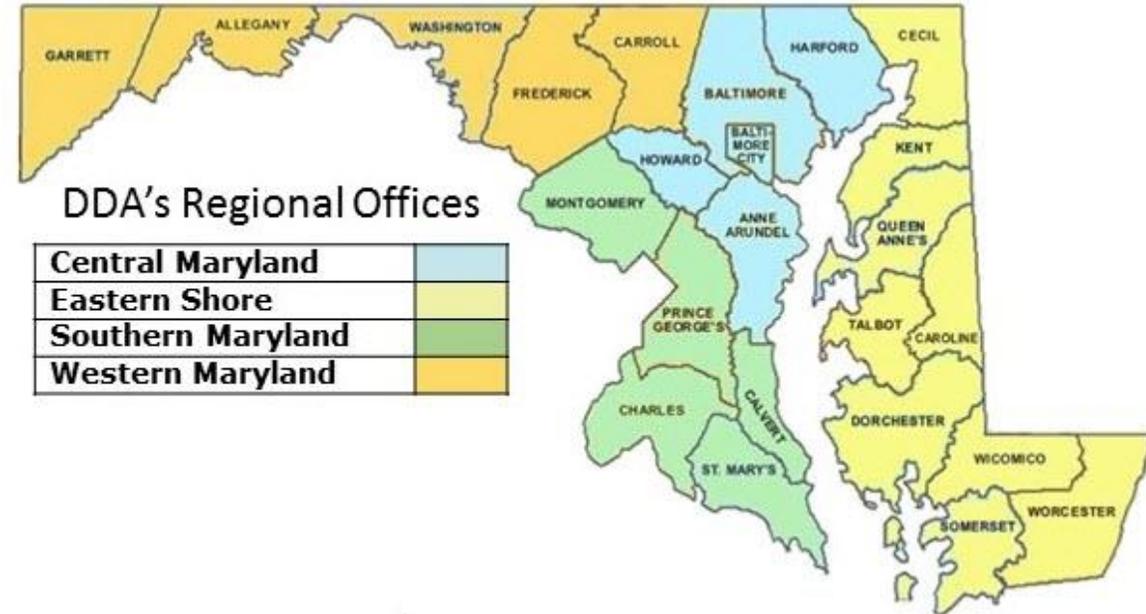
Personal Protective Equipment Request

Available PPE

- Gloves
- Face masks
- Gowns
- N95 masks

Regional Updates

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The DDA Commitment

- We will continue to share information and resources
- We will continue to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the people you support, their families and staff
- We will help Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive
- We will continue to keep you updated as we learn about our Appendix K application

Questions

